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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title of the invention with the following amended title of the invention:

VERSATILE AND MODULAR WORKPIECE HOLDING DEVICE HAVING A REMOVABLE PLATE FOR RECEIVING A WORKPIECE

Please replace paragraph 40, with the following amended paragraph:

figure 3a is a cross-sectional, detail view schematic drawing of an implementation mode of the compensating means, and

Please replace paragraph 41, with the following amended paragraph:

figure 4 is a perspective view schematic drawing of an implementation mode of the compensating means in accordance with the invention ± [.]

After paragraph 41, please insert the following paragraphs:

figure 5 is a diagram of two synchronized motors, and

figure 6 is a diagram of devices for positioning a receiving plate.

Please replace paragraph 55, with the following amended paragraph

According to a preferred implementation mode, the positioning of the receiving plate 110 on the supports 212 and 222 is realized by screw 111 (figure 6) and pin 112, the maintenance in position being realized by tightening of the screw 111, facilitating the installation and removal of the demountable receiving plate.

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Please replace paragraph 63, with the following amended paragraph:

According to another implementation mode in accordance with the invention, the device D includes for each bearing 210 and 220 a direct drive motor, 300 and 300' (figure 5), the control of which is synchronized. This feature offers a device D of greater power for actuating according to the axis A, power that can be necessary corresponding to the mass of the assembly to be turned according to this axis or corresponding to the forces induced by the machining operation. The presence of two synchronized motor 300 and 300' means also permits avoiding any shift of the drive between the end of the table 100 that is directly driven and that which is simply guided.

Please replace paragraph 64, with the following amended paragraph:

According to an implementation mode particularly advantageous but non-limiting of the device of the invention D, at least one bearing is equipped with braking breaking means. These braking breaking means permit maintenance and position of the angle taken by the driven rotatable table 100 driven by the motor 300. They have the advantage of assisting the motor(s) when these must maintain the same position. Of course, according to an implementation mode, each bearing 210 and 220 is equipped with a braking breaking means. According to a non-limiting implementation mode, this braking breaking means is presented in the form of a disk brake..

Please delete Abstract of the Disclosure in its entirety and insert therefor the paragraph:

Disclosed is machining device having a frame and a first bearing supported by the frame, the first bearing having an axis of rotation. A first support surface extends from the first

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bearing in a direction of the axis of rotation, the first support surface being asymmetrically arranged with respect to the axis of rotation. A second support surface extends from the second bearing in a direction toward the first support surface, the second support surface being asymmetrically arranged with respect to the axis of rotation. The machining device also includes a receiving plate for a workpiece, the receiving plate being removably attachable to the first support surface such that the receiving plate is between the first support surface and the axis of rotation, the receiving plate being removably attachable to the second support surface such that the receiving plate is between the second support surface and the axis of rotation.